

| MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS                  |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 951st Airborne Air Control Squadron   |       |
| Monthly flying-hour contract          | 92.1  |
| Hours flown                           | 90.5  |
| Monthly offset                        | -1.6  |
| 909th Air Refueling Squadron          |       |
| Monthly flying-hour contract          | 321.0 |
| Hours flown                           | 353.9 |
| Monthly offset                        | -32.9 |
| 67th Fighter Squadron                 |       |
| Monthly sortie contract               | 321.5 |
| Sorties flown                         | 308.1 |
| Monthly offset                        | -13.4 |
| 44th Fighter Squadron                 |       |
| Monthly sortie contract               | 262.1 |
| Sorties flown                         | 255.4 |
| Monthly offset                        | -6.7  |
| 33rd Rescue Squadron                  |       |
| Monthly flying-hour contract          | 156.0 |
| Hours flown                           | 74.0  |
| Monthly offset                        | -82.0 |
| Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Feb. 20 |       |

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WEEKEND WEATHER

**TODAY:** Partly cloudy  
NE winds @ 10-18 knots  
High: 63 Low: 54

**SATURDAY:** Partly cloudy  
NE winds @ 10 knots  
High: 66 Low: 57

**SUNDAY:** Partly cloudy  
E/SE winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 70 Low: 59

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES  
BUYING: \$1=\$113 SELLING: \$119=\$1

# 31st RQS wraps up mudslide mission

By Capt. Ben Alumbaugh  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Within 36 hours of a mudslide on the southern Philippine island of Leyte on Feb. 18, Air Force pararescue jumpers were in the area to provide relief effort assistance.

The pararescuemen are part of the 31st Rescue Squadron at Kadena and were deployed to the Philippines as part of Exercise Balikatan '06.

"We took 18 members down with us to help with the effort and worked sunup to sundown while we were there," said Lt. Col Chuck Metrolis, 31st Rescue Squadron commander. The pararescuemen had to fight through constant rain showers, making the search even more difficult.

The crew worked hand-in-hand with the Marines, Philippine forces, and other relief agencies to try and help the search for a buried elementary school.

The crew returned to Clark Air Base Feb. 21 to participate in Exercise Balikatan '06.

"The exercise gives us a chance to do some things we don't get at home station," said the colonel. "We are doing a lot of jumping out of aircraft here and working on some other tactical operations."

Pararescuemen have what some consider to be the most difficult job in all of the armed forces -- combat search and rescue, typically of, but not limited to, downed pilots.

They are trained and able both to fight with virtually any special operations unit and are paramedics on the battlefield.

The exercise and humanitarian relief also gave the colonel and the rest of the 31st RQS a chance to train new pararescuemen.

Senior Airman Adam James just finished his training to become a pararescue jumper a few months ago. Coming to the Philippines was his first exposure to a real-world scenario.

"It gave me a greater appreciation and understand-



Army/Sgt. Catherine Talento

(Left) Capts. Charles Brisbois and Mark Van Weezendonk, both with Kadena's 31st Rescue Squadron, unload water during relief operations in Southern Leyte, Philippines, last week. More than 50 Airmen from Pacific Air Force bases, including 18 from the 31st RQS, supported U.S. and Filipino servicemembers with humanitarian relief efforts following a landslide Feb. 17 that engulfed a village and approximately 1,800 people.

ing," said the Airman. "To see something like the mudslide area in person is a mental and gut check. Even though you can talk about these things in the schoolhouse, to see them in person is completely different."

Also involved in Balikatan '06 were Airmen and two HH-60 helicopters from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Airmen from the 17th Special Operations Squadron, and Airmen from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

## Kadena Shoguns complete first local operational readiness exercise in '06

By Capt. Carlos Diaz  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The Kadena Shoguns kick started the first local operational readiness exercise of 2006 Saturday.

Also known as Beverly High 06-1, the two-part exercise tested the wing's capabilities to execute contingency deployment operations in a peacetime posture and generate combat airpower against a simulated adversary.

During Phase I, 18th Wing Shoguns mobilized and deployed to a simulated forward base. Phase II started Tuesday and simulated the wing's ability to conduct com-

bat operations.

"The purpose of this LORE is to verify the state of the 18th Wing's expeditionary readiness and to deploy personnel and cargo to an operating base with support from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron," said Col. David Timm, 18th Wing Inspector General. "We also evaluate the support provided by other base units and verify our ability to survive and operate in a chemical and biological environment."

In November, the 18th Wing earned an Excellent during PACAF's Unit Compliance Inspection. The IG expects to keep the wing's talons and beaks sharp, with

this and future LOREs, in preparation for possible contingencies and an upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in the fall.

"We need every Airman both inside and outside Base X to put their game faces on. This exercise will not only get us ready for the upcoming ORI, but it also allows us to sharpen our combat capability as part of our commitment to defend our alliance with Japan," said Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton, 18th Wing commander.

BH 06-1 included simulated operations at Base X and limited operations around Kadena. The exercise is expected to end today.

## Joint teamwork kills decoys with old missiles

By Lt. Col. Michael Paoli  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The four-ship formation of Air Force F-15 Eagles tear through the sky line abreast, searching for their prey. From another part of the expanse and at a much higher altitude, a Marine F/A-18 Hornet releases a tactical air-launched decoy. Following digitally pre-set instructions and capable of gliding for more than 50 miles, the unpowered decoy maneuvers through the air space in front of the Eagles.

On the radar of Capt. Sean Sullivan's fighter, call sign Cock Two, the 7-foot decoy looks like the real thing.

Captain Sullivan is getting ready to fire a live AIM-7 missile, one of few opportunities that fighter pilots receive during their careers.

"These shoots may be the only time some of our young warriors employ missiles prior to actual combat," said Lt. Col. Jeff Gustafson, 67th Fighter Squadron commander. "So these are critical opportunities. They need to know what to expect, and especially how to deal with in-flight challenges associated with live-missile fires."





# Standards vs. expectations

By Col. John Miller

18th Maintenance Group commander

Often times I get told by my Airmen that I have high standards. While I appreciate the fact that they think I am empowered to establish standards for the Air Force, the reality is that our Air Force standards are created as a matter of policy.

As a commander, I am expected to enforce the standards uniformly and fairly, without prejudice or bias, as are all supervisors in the chain of command. As Airmen, we are all obligated to adhere to standards without having to be reminded, or told to do so.

So, why then might you think, that when I am told that I have high standards, I immediately correct my Airmen for saying so? While I appreciate the feedback, their comment tells me that they don't clearly understand the difference between standards and expectations, and I find it's always worth my time to educate them why the two are not the same. The simple response I give



is that my standards are no higher than the Air Force standards. I then explain to them that what they perceive to be high standards on my part has actually more to do with the fact that I have higher expectations that people in my command meet the Air Force standards.

Having higher expectations that all Airmen "meet" the standard should be something every supervisor needs to understand, embrace, and enforce. When our expectation is lower, our people will sense the lack of commitment on the supervisor's behalf, and accordingly, their performance will be lower. When they know the boss's expectation is that everyone needs to meet the standard and nothing less is acceptable, then everyone in the unit steps up their level of expectation. In turn, the performance level increases and the mission gets successfully accomplished.

I really don't need some percent of the workforce exceeding the standard, and some percent not meeting the standard at all. Our Air Force needs every Airmen meeting the standard, every day! We are being asked to stretch our workforce in ways that challenge us daily, and the level of performance we need from our Airmen can only be achieved if we expect the standards to be met. When the standard is not met, the possibility for dam-

age or loss of critical equipment may occur, or worse yet, injury to personnel or loss of life may result.

As a commander, I have been approached by my officers, chiefs, and senior NCOs during the past many years and told that I am hurting my people because I enforce standards that other commanders do not. I've come to understand their frustration with me that somehow I am the one hurting my Airmen, when in fact their frustration really lies with the other units that chose not to enforce the standard. We need to understand that the fix is not for me, or any other commander or supervisor, to lower their expectation, but rather for others to raise theirs.

Setting the standard is easy; for example—the standard is 10. Now the challenges are getting to 10. If my expectation is that 8 is good enough, the mission will not be met. If I achieve 12, chances are I unnecessarily pushed my people and resources beyond their limits. When 10 is no longer required by the Air Force, the standard will be changed accordingly. Meantime, the standard is 10...I expect everyone to achieve 10, not 8 and not 12. I ask every supervisor to reflect on your expectations lately; do they measure up to the standard, or fall short?

## ACTION LINE

E-mail: 18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal



Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton  
18th Wing commander

chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

## Civilian hiring practices

My question is regarding the continuing practice of various organizations on base recruiting and hiring civilians for positions here on Kadena from either CONUS or OCONUS bases when there are fully qualified employees right here already working for the Department of the Air Force. With the serious budget constraints plaguing the entire Department of Defense it would definitely be a cost savings to utilize the talents and expertise of individuals here in lieu of paying the costly expenses associated with those moves.

Thanks for your concern about the costs associated with recruiting and hiring personnel from CONUS or other OCONUS bases in lieu of hiring local qualified employees. In these fiscally constrained times, we all need to be cost conscious.

When competition is limited to only local candidates, the resulting vacancy simply shifts costs to the local organization that now must fill its vacancy. While cost savings may be achieved by hiring a current, locally available employee rather than hiring an individual from CONUS or another foreign area, IAW AFM 36-203, Chapter 2, Paragraph 2.3: "Provided there are no higher mandatory placement pri-

orities, managers have the right and the responsibility to select from other appropriate sources, determining which is most likely to meet mission objectives, contribute new ideas and viewpoints, and meet the Air Force Affirmative Employment Program objectives and goals. These include, but are not limited to, merit promotion candidates. Applicants from any recruitment source external to the permanent AF workforce may be considered independent of, concurrently, before, or after the referral of candidates from the workforce."

We charge our supervisors with accomplishing a mission and we hold them accountable for results; therefore, we need to give them the tools and the flexibility, within legal constraints, to manage their people and positions. This includes working with the human resources experts to determine appropriate recruitment sources in order to hire the best possible candidate. In following federal employment guidelines, management must consider not only the costs involved, but the qualifications, the fact that if an internal candidate is selected another vacancy will be created that must be filled, and, ultimately, selecting the right person at the right time for the right job.

**Don't drink & drive**  
It has been...

**3 days**  
since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.  
60 days = 18th Wing Down Day

An 18th Civil Engineer Squadron senior airman pleaded guilty in a summary court martial Feb. 21 to drunk driving. The Airman was demoted to airman first class and sentenced to 21 days imprisonment for exceeding the legal limit of blood alcohol content and causing an auto accident.



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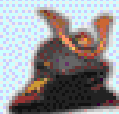
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## SHOGUN WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Editor's note : Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



Airman 1st Class Benjamin Noyes  
Unit: 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron  
Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
Reason for nomination: Airman Noyes worked as the lead flight scheduler for more than 30 Airmen. He ensured 15 sorties were adequately supported with combat mission ready aircrews by deconflicting all ground training events and appointments. He also volunteered to organize the squadron's hail and farewell ceremony.  
Time at Kadena: 1 year



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Jones  
Unit: 1st Special Operations Squadron  
Hometown: Austin, Texas  
Reason for nomination: Sergeant Jones recently earned recognition for his unit after it was named Kadena's Commander Support Staff of the month out of more than 50 eligible units.  
Time at Kadena: 1 year, 6 months

## This week in 18th Wing History

On March 3, 1961, the U.S. Air Force announced that reserve officers not selected for the next higher grade and scheduled for release from the reserves could enlist as an E-4 on active duty.



**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know? Problem drinkers average four times as many days in the hospital as nondrinkers—mostly because of drinking-related injuries.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION:** A lower base utility budget this year means Team Kadena must aggressively reduce energy consumption. The 18th Civil Engineer Group encourages base workers to use office resources sparingly and remove light bulbs from fluorescent lights in non-work areas such as hallways and reception areas.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Protestant Women of the Chapel winter Bible study sessions run every Tuesday until April 4. Bible studies are held from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kadena Chapel 1. For more information, go to <http://home.attmil.ne.jp/a/pwoc2>.

**SUMMERHIREBRIEFING:** The civilian personnel office will present summer program guidelines and explain the application process Saturday at the Banyan Tree Club at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tentative employment dates begin June 26 and end Aug. 18. Students must pre-position a resume on the Air Force Personnel Center Employment site and self-nominate for consideration. At least one parent should accompany each applicant to the scheduled briefings and bring a copy of the sponsor's orders, passport and social security card. For more info, call 634-1358.

**GATE 1 CONSTRUCTION:** Beginning Monday, one inbound lane at Gate 1 will be closed for construction for approximately two weeks. Base officials ask heavy truck and delivery vehicle drivers to use Gate 2 during this time.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION/VIOLENCE AWARENESS BRIEFING:** There will be a Suicide Prevention and Violence Awareness briefing at the Keystone Theater Wednesday at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**AIR FORCE AID GRANTS:** The Air Force Aid Society can help dependent children of active, retired and deceased Air Force members apply for the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. The society recently increased the individual award amount under the program to \$2,000. For more information, visit [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org). The deadline for application is March 10.

**AFCOMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY:** The AF Integrated Delivery System (IDS) Working Group is sponsoring the 2006 Community Assessment (CA) Survey of service members, spouses,

## African-American Heritage Month



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

D.J. Williams (center), son of 1st Lt. Dorian Williams Sr. of the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, sings "Chungamungo" with the Amelia Earhart Intermediate School choir during the African-American History Luncheon at the Rocker NCO Club Feb. 22. Chungamungo, meaning "join together" in Swahili, was the theme for this year's African-American Heritage Month. More than 400 people attended the event.

es, reservists, and reserve spouses. This is the best way for Air Force community members to make their opinions and needs known. The survey results will be used by base leadership and the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed and enhance the well-being of the community. The six-week survey starts mid-March; it's web-based and anonymous with results arriving in September. Close to 1,000 spouses and AF members will be selected for the survey. Selection notification will be by mail and/or electronic. For more information, call Maj. Julian McLeod at 634-2499 or Capt. Jonathan Hurt at 634-4821.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Kadena Officer Spouses Club is offering scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors, sons and daughters already in college, and dependent spouses for undergraduate and graduate studies. Dependents of active-duty Air Force or KOSC members with SOFA status are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the base library, Kadena Gift Corner, base education office, Officers Club and high school guidance office. The deadline is March 31.

**GIRL SCOUT CAMP:** The Kadena

Girl Scouts are accepting registration for Kaleidoscope Day Camp for SOFA status girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. The camp will be held April 10-13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bob Hope Elementary School. Call 634-0753 to register or volunteer to help with the camp.

**DRAGONBOATVOLUNTEERS:** Men and women are needed for teams that will participate in this year's Naha Dragon Boat Race scheduled for May 5. Volunteers must be Airmen, civilian employees or family members over the age of 18. For more information, call 634-0562.

**TROOPS AND SPOUSES-TO-TEACHERS:** Troops- and Spouses-to-Teachers briefings will be held March 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Kadena High School auditorium. Individual appointments will also be taken after the briefing at the Kadena Education Center, Bldg. 59. Representatives from Florida, Michigan and Indiana will brief, and offer individual counseling sessions from 1 to 5 p.m. at the center. For more information, or to make an appointment, call the Kadena Education Center (Building 59) at 634-1500.

**DIRECT TO HOME SATELLITES:** Kadena's furnishings management is currently issuing American

Forces Network direct-to-home satellites to active-duty military and Defense Department civilians residing off base. On-base housing and dorm residents, contractors, local national employees, reservists and retirees are excluded from this service. To order the service, visit [www.kadena.af.mil](http://www.kadena.af.mil) to fill out an application online. Applications can be e-mailed to [fmo@kadena.af.mil](mailto:fmo@kadena.af.mil), or turned in to the Kadena Housing Office. Call 632-4206 for more information.

**DIRECT DIALING FROM OFF BASE:** A new feature, Direct Inward Dial, allows off base callers to dial directly to a Kadena phone number. Below are the corresponding numbers:

630-XXXX = 098-960-XXXX  
632-XXXX = 098-962-XXXX  
633-XXXX = 098-959-XXXX  
634-XXXX = 098-961-XXXX

Callers may receive a busy signal during high traffic hours.

**EMERGENCY GUIDE ONLINE:** The Kadena Emergency Actions Guide has been updated and is available online at <https://www.kadena.af.mil> from a government computer, or [www.kadena.af.mil/okinawa.htm](http://www.kadena.af.mil/okinawa.htm) from home. The guide outlines steps to take during and after an enemy attack (for .mil users), typhoon, natural disaster or major accident. Residents in

low-lying areas should also review the section on tsunamis. For more information, call the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight at 634-4404.

**CELLPHONEPOLICY:** The Air Force is implementing a new cell phone restriction for drivers. Effective since Feb. 27, drivers are not allowed to talk on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands free device. This policy is part of the Department of Defense's Joint Traffic Guidance. This restriction also applies to all government owned vehicles, or GOVs, at all times. No GOV drivers are permitted to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device on or off base.

**SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN:** Knowing you are guaranteed a lifetime income as the result of a successful career is one of the best feelings about retiring from the military. But what about your spouse and/or dependent children? If you die, what guarantees do they have? Enrolling in the SBP prior to retiring will ensure they will have guaranteed income after your death. Additional details are available by calling your SBP counselor, Glenn Rucker, at 634-3228.



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

Capt. Kris Person, piloting the 44th Fighter Squadron flagship, observes fellow Vampires during a live missile fire Feb. 21 in a training range 150 miles east of Okinawa. Firing the AIM-7 Sparrows are (front to back) Maj. John Moran, "Bat One;" Capt. Penn Brown, "Bat Three;" and Maj. Brian Joseph, "Bat Four."

## MISSILE

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U.S. missile shoots are conducted two to three times a year in the training ranges surrounding Okinawa, the last being a Marine F/A-18 Hornet event in December 2005.

The opportunity for every pilot to shoot, however, is rare since pilots out-number firing opportunities more than three to one.

"The shoot also saves the Air Force millions of dollars by expending the AIM-7 on station rather than shipping them to the United States for disposal," said the colonel.

First deployed in 1982, the AIM-7 is being phased out of the Air Force inventory in favor of the heat-seeking AIM-9 Sidewinder and radar- and inertial reference-guided AIM-120 advanced medium-range air-to-air missile.

The AIM-7 at Kadena is going out with a bang.

Back at 10,000 feet, flight lead Capt. Andy Jacob sets up his shot.

"Cock One, locked bull's-eye, two-seven-zero at ten, twenty-five thousand," says Captain Jacob as his jet, capable of Mach 2.5, drives further into the training range. Captains Sullivan, Kirby Ensser and Josh Spear confirm similar locks.

Behind the four-ship in another F-15, Maj. Paul

Spaven makes a final range safety check with an orbiting Navy P-3 Orion. The Orion, designed for maritime search and surveillance, confirms clear skies and seas within the training range. "Cock One through Four, master arm hot," says Major Spaven.

Flight pilots arm their missiles as the range between them and the decoy closes.

"Cock One through Four, cleared to fire," says Major Spaven.

Seconds later, Captain Jacob gives the order, "Ready...ready...fox!"

He presses his thumb on the "pickle" button of the aircraft's flight control "stick" while his three flight members simultaneously do the same.

After a built-in 1.4-second

delay, Cock Two's 12-foot AIM-7 radar guided, air-to-air missile blasts off the lower right side of his Eagle's fuselage. Its rocket motor and more than 3-foot wingspan carry it across the blue Pacific sky, flanked by the other AIM-7s. Miles later, above the thin clouds below, a puff of smoke marks the obliteration of the decoy and Cock flight's four missiles.

"Nice!" says Captain Sullivan.

After "safing" their arming switches, the four ship formation heads for an airborne KC-135 Stratotanker, followed by a session of basic fighter maneuvers.

"The shoot went perfectly," said Capt. Brian Bell, 18th Operations Group project offi-

cer, about the three-day live-fire training that began Feb. 21. "We took the 19 youngest guys from the 44th and 67th—guys that had never done this before—and sent them up to fire their first missile."

Colonel Gustafson credits the successful shoot to "awesome" joint teamwork, including efforts from the Shoguns of the 623rd Air Control Flight and 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena Sailors on P-3 Orions, and Iwakuni-based Marines that launched the short-lived decoys.

"From the ammo guys to the maintainers and end-of-runway crews, to fighter squadron support and pilots in the cockpit, it was a great job by all," said Colonel Gustafson.

## Hundreds of Kadena officers affected by Air Force commissioning changes

WASHINGTON - The Air Force will eliminate the distinction between active-duty regular and reserve officers May 1.

Previously, officers who earned a reserve commission served in a sort of probationary period until promoted to major, when they could become a "regular" officer.

"Approximately 400 officers on Kadena will benefit from this change," said Lt. Col. Angel Olivares, 18th Mission Support Squadron commander. "This change will be transparent and no one will be required to take the oath of office again."

The contract reserve officers signed when they joined states that in peacetime they could be separated from the service if a reduction in force becomes necessary. Regular officers had that clause removed from their contracts. Also, reserve officers could only serve a maximum of 20 years, while regular officers have a high rate of tenure based on rank.

According to the Air Force Personnel Center website, the date of service will not change for most officers. However, some will have their date of service adjusted depending on their grade at the time of transition. For example: Officers serving in the grades of major and below will be given an indefinite

DOS. Officers serving in the grade of lieutenant colonel will be given a DOS that matches completion of 28 years total active federal commissioned service or age 62, whichever occurs first. Officers serving in the grade of colonel will be given a DOS that matches completion of 30 years total active federal commissioned service or age 62, whichever occurs first.

"We're basically changing the way we manage the force," said Lt. Col. Leslie Formolo, Air Force chief of promotion and evaluation policy. "This is a simpler way to manage the force. Those on active duty will be regular officers; those in the Reserves will be reserve officers."

All officers who entered active duty after May 1, 2005, were commissioned as regular officers. All other active-duty officers will be automatically transferred to regular status by May 1, provided they meet appointment requirements. Any officer who was previously denied the change because of not being medically qualified for worldwide duty will also be granted regular status, Colonel Formolo said.

The change will not affect the active-duty service commitment.

### Kadena fuel specialist



Air Force/Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D' Aurizio  
Staff Sgt. Michael Nelson takes a fuel sample from petroleum delivered to Ali Air Base, Iraq. Sergeant Nelson is normally assigned to the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Kadena.





Airman 1st Class Chandra Dennis, 17th Special Operations Squadron, shakes hands with students from Clark Air Base School in the Philippines. The students were given 50 desk chairs from members of the 353rd Special Operations Group participating in Exercise Balance Piston.

## 353rd SOG aids students in Philippines

Story and photo by  
Master Sgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
353rd Special Operations Group  
Public Affairs

During Exercise Balance Piston held early last month, members of the 353rd Special Operations Group took the opportunity to make local Filipino children smile while spread-

ing a bit of goodwill.

The first event involved the group inviting about 150 local students from Clark Air Base School to take a closer look at the Combat Talon and Combat Shadow aircraft.

Air Force members escorted the children for tours that included wearing parachutes, learning about oxygen masks and sitting inside the cockpit.

"It was truly the right thing to do," said Capt. Richard Macalino, project officer for the event, said. "To see the smiles on the children's faces made it all worthwhile. Most of them had never seen anything like this."

Members of the SOG also bought and delivered 50 desk chairs to Clark Air Base School, with funds for the desk chairs coming from donations by members of the SOG on the Bal-

ance Piston deployment.

But, the giving didn't stop there. Representatives of the group also visited a local orphanage and delivered individual toiletries and six bolts of material for school uniforms.

"We take so much for granted," said Tech. Sgt. Penny Trantina-Bora. "Giving a little back sometimes is the least that we can do."

## Pacific air commandos practice, practice, practice

Story and photo by  
Master Sgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
353rd Special Operations Group  
Public Affairs

Rapidly deploying and setting up base in less than perfect conditions seems to happen to members of the 353rd Special Operations Group regularly as they leave Kadena for humanitarian relief response efforts and a host of high priority, low visibility missions throughout the Pacific theater.

In order to maintain the skills it takes to be ready at a moment's notice, approximately 150 SOG members packed up and relocated to Clark Air Base airfield in the Philippines for a three-week exercise called Balance Piston.

"Being Pacific Air Commandos means we flex to

different spaces in different environments and cultures all the time," said Col. Ray Chapman, 353rd SOG commander. "Because of our people, we can easily deploy and go from a bare bones operation to full flying capabilities with all skills necessary, to include maintainers, communications, finance, medical support and security."

Crews from throughout the SOG were able to train on tasks such as airdrops, night vision goggle operations and air refueling during the exercise.

"Balance Piston gives members of the 353rd Special Operations Group a chance to hone skills and fulfill requirements that they wouldn't be able to fine-tune at home base," said Lt. Col. James Brandenburg, mission commander. "The terrain is dif-

ferent, and we get a chance to test and improve the way we do business, not only in the air, but on the ground too."



Staff Sgt. Robert Stine, C-130 engine mechanic from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron, works on the Combat Talon II during Balance Piston.





# C-17 relief mission tests Hickam's new capability

By Tech. Sgt.  
Shane A. Cuomo  
Air Force Print News

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) -- Flying a "loaner" C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, a mixed active-duty and Guard aircrew flew the 15th Airlift Wing's first contingency response mission.

The aircraft, from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., flew relief supplies to Clark Air Base, Philippines, Feb. 22. It was the first time a mixed crew had flown such a mission. Members of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron were also part of the crew.

The C-17 carried military rations, water, cots, tents, heavy equipment and wing Airmen to Clark, a former U.S. Air Force base. The mission was part of U.S. Pacific Command's response to the Filipino government's request for help after a devastating mudslide covered the village of Guinsaugon on Leyte Island.

A 100-foot deep mudslide hit the village Feb. 17.

"Anytime there is a mudslide, any kind of earthquake, tsunami -- any of that stuff that happens in the Pacific -- we'll already be there with all the crews and all the airplanes," said Capt. Jason Ward, a C-17 pilot with the 535th Airlift Squadron.

"We can get in supplies,



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**Tech. Sgt. Ken Bragg and Staff Sgt. Ryan Page give a safety briefing aboard a C-17 Globemaster III to members of the 15th Airlift Wing before a mission to the Philippines. The wing's 535th Airlift Squadron and the 204th Airlift Squadron conducted the first contingency response mission to support relief efforts in the Philippines. Both sergeants are with the 535th Airlift Squadron.**

people, helicopters, medical equipment and supplies -- anything that they need in any area," the captain said. "We can pretty much get there within 24 hours, so if something happens give us a call and we'll start flying."

With any humanitarian relief mission time is important. Hickam Airman can get the mission done quickest, said Capt. Jason Mills, a C-17 pilot. He coordinated the short-notice mission.

"We're in the middle of the Pacific, so we have reach in multiple directions," said Captain Mills, of the 15th Operations Support Squadron. "From the South Pole to Australia, New Zealand and anywhere in East Asia, our location allows us to respond to major contingencies faster, and with a larger airframe we can move more to affected areas with fewer flights."

Several C-130 Hercules aircraft loaded with supplies and

equipment had already arrived in the Philippines. But the cargo loads were too heavy for the small forklifts on the ground. With a stop at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, the aircraft -- call sign VOG 146 -- loaded up two 10K forklifts and was back in the air.

Less than four hours after leaving Guam, the C-17 arrived at Mactan Air Base to deliver the equipment.

"Strategic air is what comes to mind," said mission

commander Capt. Paul Theriot of the 15th OSS. "The C-130 is tactical theater type aircraft -- it's awesome. It can do some things better than the C-17, like land on little dirt strips that can't carry or can't hold the weight of a C-17.

"But as far as strategic airlift -- which is where most of it's at when you're talking about getting cargo around the world -- it's a new era for the Pacific. I mean, there's nothing like being able to put a couple hundred thousand pounds of gas on a plane, fly eight to 10 hours direct from Hickam to just about anywhere in the Pacific," Captain Theriot said.

"The 10,000-mile mission was in a way a test of the Pacific Air Forces' new capabilities. As the squadron matures, missions like this will become routine," he said.

And exploiting the Pacific theater's tyranny of distance will become less of a challenge and more of an everyday task.

"For the first mission -- that's really been tasked and executed with PACAF forces running the show and putting everything together -- it went very smooth," Captain Theriot said. "We've been on time or early at every location we went to," he said. "The support from the air mobility division was outstanding. Support from the home units, the flying squadron was outstanding, so yeah, it was great."



U.S. Air Force/Staff Sgt. Melissa Koskovich

**After loading patients, Tech. Sgt. Amy Romanas takes a brief break. "We always hope we won't be busy, but if someone does get hurt, we're ready to give them the care that they need," she said.**

## Missions bring heroes home

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** (AFPN) -- The thunder of the C-130 Hercules engine vibrates through the cabin as the aircraft lifts off of the runway. Today's mission is different than most. Today, Australians and Americans leave pallets and passengers behind, making room to gather the wounded and bring them back home.

Affectionately called "the mercy channel," this weekly mission pairs a Royal Australian Air Force C-130J and aircrew with a U.S. Air Force medical team.

Moving more than 1,883 patients since August, these missions travel throughout Iraq and Kuwait, gathering injured servicemembers and delivering them to higher care facilities.

"The patients we carry on these missions were injured in some way, down range," said Capt. Kristie Harlow, 379th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse. "Our job is to get them where they need to go for

treatment, while providing them the care they need."

All onboard agree that the Australian hosts, part of the Australian Defense Force's Joint Task Force 633, provide first class accommodations for the patients and the Airmen who care for them.

"Our Australian coalition partners are fantastic," Captain Harlow said. "They help us set up the aircraft, care for the patients ... anything we need. We work side by side with them and they are outstanding."

The Aussies, along with the United States and the Royal Air Force, fly C-130J aircraft in this deployed coalition environment.

Litters are stacked, bunkbed style, in the cargo aircraft. The crew and medics wear body armor and Kevlar helmets for most of the 15-hour mission days, even while tending to patients.

Operating out of the Combined Air Operations Center in Southwest Asia, the joint RAAF and Air Force missions

are seamlessly performed. Both Australian and American crewmembers find great satisfaction in helping injured servicemembers make their way home.

"This is by far the best job I could ever have," Captain Harlow said. "These men and women are out there defending our country, risking their lives every day. There's no better feeling than giving them the care they need."

This care wouldn't be possible without the skillful Australian aircrew in charge of maneuvering the giant flying ambulance through a war zone and back.

"Our goal is to get everyone where they need to be, safely. We control the movement of passengers and patients on and off of the aircraft, and take care of any emergency that might occur," said Sgt. Scott Copland, RAAF loadmaster. "We enjoy working on these missions. It's important work and it builds a good foundation for us with our coalition partners."





Courtesy photos

Civil Air Patrol cadets discuss a plane crash scenario as part of survival training during a four-day encampment at Kadena. From left to right are: Cadets Nina Lindsey, daughter of Master Sgt. Steven Flax of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Tracy Flax of the 18th Wing; Dustin Prehn; Misty White, daughter of Staff Sgt. Janel Smith of the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Kenneth Cross, son of Andrew Cross of the 718th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Matthew Correia, son of MaryEllen Correia of the 718th CES.



Airman 1st Class Jeremy McLendon of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron helps Cadet Jennifer Gonzalez-Teninty, daughter of Master Sgt. Edward Teninty of the 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron, handle a high-pressure fire hose during training at Fire Station 1.



Cadets line up in formation before climbing aboard a truck to go to the dining facility during the four-day training at Kadena's Erwin Professional Military Education Center.

## Civil Air Patrol trains at Kadena

By Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell  
18th Communications Squadron

Some 10 Civil Air Patrol cadets participated in a four-day encampment designed to develop leadership, hone rescue skills and increase knowledge of the organization's mission last month.

The encampment was held at Kadena's Erwin Professional Military Education Center.

Days started at 5 a.m. with physical training that included a mile and a half run. The cadets also participated in daily reveille and retreat ceremonies, ate all their meals at the Marshall Dining Facility, and spent more than 10 classroom hours cultivating leadership and team-building skills.

The cadets toured various facilities around Kadena, such as Fire Station 1 and the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, to get a better grasp of airmanship issues.

"It was an extreme privilege to mentor

these fine cadets," said Senior Airman Rachel Johnson with the 18th Communications Squadron. Airman Johnson was one of several organizers of the encampment. "In the four days, I watched the cadets become a more cohesive team. I am very proud of them."

A graduation ceremony with awards capped off the encampment.

"Winning an award was a surprise," said Cadet Curtis Dondoyano, cadet commander, who won the top cadet award for the encampment. "I didn't expect it," he said. Cadet Dondoyano is the son of Master Sgt. Ignacio Dondoyano of the 18th Communications Squadron. "Going from being cadet commander to flight sergeant during the encampment helped me humble myself and it also honed my leadership skills."

The Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, and the CAP encampment program traces its roots to concepts taught in Army basic training.



Cadet Danielle Herwig, daughter of Master Sgt. Doug Herwig of the 18th Wing command section, pulls a mannequin during firefighting training at Kadena's Fire Station 1.



# High-stakes testing starts next week for Japanese kids

By Master Sgt.  
Adam Johnston  
18th Wing Public Affairs

High-stakes testing for Okinawan students will get underway Tuesday and Wednesday as part of an annual procedure that will largely determine the life fate of many of the students within Japanese society.

The test?

The Japanese high school entrance exam.

Unlike public high schools in the United States where entrance is based on school district or personal choice, in Japan entrance into public and private high schools is based on the results of an entrance exam.

So serious are the examinations that the 18th Wing schedules "no-fly" days on March 7 and 8 as part of an annual community relations effort to help students compete successfully.

"Entering a high-ranked high school increases a student's chance of university admission or of obtaining a good job after high school graduation," says a 2005 study entitled, "Japanese Education," is available on Indiana University's East Asian Studies Center web site.

In Okinawa there are 40 public high schools, five private high schools and 22 tech-

nical/vocational high schools.

Among the top four high schools in Okinawa are:

- Showayaka High School in Urasoe City -- This private school has an advanced curriculum in the medical field.

- Okinawa Shogaku High School in Naha -- This private school has advanced courses for college preparation.

- Kaiho High School in Naha -- This public school offers advanced curriculum in math, science, English and the arts.

- Kyuyo High School in Okinawa City -- This public school offers advanced lessons in science, math and International English.

Although private high schools conceive their own entrance tests for candidates, public high school exams are standardized by each prefecture in Japan.

Among the subjects tested are: Japanese language and Kanji, mathematics, science, social studies and English.

"It was difficult," said Naoya Yonamine of the 18th Mission Support Squadron about his high school entrance exam to Konan High School, a private high school in Naha.

"I studied for about three years in preparation for the exam," he said. Mr. Yonamine -- a former junior high school teacher -- said the difficulty of a high school exam really depends on the type of school a student is trying to enter.

To help nearly half of the Japanese students with preparation for the high school exams, after school study courses -- called *juku* -- are available for a fee.

The courses can either provide general education studies and practice tests for the high school entrance examinee or can be specialized to provide a concentrated approach to weak areas of an entrance exam.

"There is big pressure on students to pass a high school entrance exam," said Mr. Yonamine.

"If they fail, they cannot go to public school for a year," he said.

But he acknowledged that rarely happens. With help from a *juku* where practice exams are the norm, Mr. Yonamine said specialized teachers can help students better target school entrance exams that are obtainable based on a student's ability.

"My *juku* was pretty good," said Mr. Yonamine. "It focused on general education and I spent about five hours a day there during normal study. Near exam time I actually stayed there from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. to study," he said.

Although testing will begin next week, on Wednesday high school graduations were held across Okinawa. The Japanese school year begins in April and ends in March.

# Ask Oba-chan



"Ask Oba-chan" (Grandma) is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: [kadenashogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil](mailto:kadenashogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil) with the subject line -- ASKOBA-CHAN

**I noticed a beautiful display of dolls set up for a holiday called Girls Day at a mall recently. What is the tradition behind it?**

The celebration of health, beauty, and happiness for unmarried girls is the foundation for Girls Day, held annually March 3. The celebration, called Hina Matsuri, is also referred to as the Girls Doll Festival because households with unmarried daughters set up displays of dolls. The daughters receive visitors who come to view the dolls, thereby having the chance to practice their social skills.

The traditional Hina Doll set includes 15 dolls that are displayed in a set format on seven-steps covered with a red cloth. In some families, these dolls have been passed from generation to generation and are prized family heirlooms. The dolls are arranged to represent the Imperial Court, with the Emperor and Empress dolls on the top step, flanked by paper lamps. Normally a miniature gilded folding screen is displayed behind them, just like the real imperial throne of the ancient Japanese court. Because the Peach Blossom Festival (Momonosekkku) occurs at about the same time, peach blossoms are often also placed on the top row.

Although there may be some slight variations, the arrangement of the other steps, from top to bottom, normally includes:

Second step -- three ladies-in-waiting (Sannin Kanjo) and seasonal sweets.

Third step -- five male court musicians (Gonin Bayashi) -- the normal arrangement includes two large drum (taiko) players, two small drum players, one flute player and one singer.

Fourth step -- two court guards (Zuishin), elderly man on the left, younger man on the right, and diamond-shaped rice cakes with layers of pink, white and green (hishimochi).

Fifth step -- three attendants (Eji) carrying slippers and umbrellas flanking trays of food (ozen).

Sixth step -- chest of drawers (tansu), clothing chest (nagamochi), dresser (kyoudai), sewing box (haribako), charcoal brazier (hibachi) and tea utensils (cha-dougu).

The bottom step -- orange tree (tachibana) on the left, cherry tree (sakura) on the right, flanking a palanquin (okago), a stack of nested boxes (jyubako), and a carriage (goshoguruma).

The displays are normally set up two or three weeks before Girls Day and left up for a week afterwards. Many stores and hotels set up displays. The truly lavish displays use large dolls, real plates of food, and live full-grown or miniature (bonsai) trees. Small complete sets can also be purchased, including miniature sets that fit inside a box that converts to the display setting.

In Okinawa, many of us celebrate Girls Day twice. We celebrate the traditional Japanese Hina Matsuri and we celebrate our own Girls Day on March 3 on the Lunar Calendar. Our celebration is often referred to as Beach Visiting Day (Hamauri) because families with young female children and unmarried daughters visit the seashore. The unmarried women and children use the saltwater to purify themselves, exorcising any bad spirits and curses that may have attached to them in the preceding year. Prayers are also offered so that young girls will grow up in good health and bear healthy children.

In some places, an old tradition of women-only is followed. All the women of the village, regardless of age or marital status, go to the beach and the men stay home and are forbidden to go to the shore. For most of us, while there is some spiritual or religious significance attached to Hamauri, we normally celebrate the day with a picnic at the beach and eat boxed lunches (bento).

## The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

- An F/A-18 Hornet assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni made an emergency landing at Kadena Feb. 22. The aircraft engaged the barrier with its tail hook. Later, the aircraft was towed into a hangar. On the same day an F-15 attempted to land at Kadena but it was unable to because a problem with the landing gear. The landing gear eventually worked and the aircraft landed.

- The Uruma City mayor will ask the Naha Defense Facilities Administration for an explanation and details about the proposed construction of a rifle shooting range in Kadena's Munitions Storage Area for the Japan Ground Self Defense Force.

"We want to make sure we secure the safety of our citizens," said Mayor Chinen Feb. 22. The proposed construction site for the range is adjacent to Uruma City and Okinawa City.

- The Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party Okinawa Chapter, during a regular session of the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, raised questions on how the prefecture's proposed evacuation plan onto U.S. military bases during crisis or contingencies will affect the local population. An official from the governor's executive office responded that U.S. military bases could be "the best defense against potential attacks during a crisis or an emergency situation." The official also said that "we need to draft a solid plan to evacuate those citizens living near U.S. military bases, including Japanese base employees, U.S. military personnel and civilians who live off-base. We are also going to ask the U.S. military about base access for local nationals during a crisis situation. We will hold a meeting once the U.S. military provides us with an answer."

Junichi Kyan, President of the Okinawa Rental Housing Agencies Association, met with Okinawa Prefectural officials to ask for help in negotiating the suspension of construction of new U.S. military base housing units. Mr. Kyan said, "The housing agencies depend on the base economy. The rental agencies are in a crisis; approximately 1,000 housing units are currently vacant out of 4,800 available." Mr. Kyan also visited the Naha Defense Facilities Administration Bureau and submitted the same request.

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## Today

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Top 40 music in the ballroom.

**YOUTH CENTER:** Submissions due for ImageMakers National Photography Contest. Negatives or original disc must be submitted with photos. Call Kadena Youth Center at 634-0500.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Rhythm and Blues from 11 p.m. to close in the ballroom.

## Saturday

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Bingo begins at 2 p.m.

## Sunday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Registration closes to enter mixed doubles intermediate division tennis tournament on March 18 and 19 and a mixed doubles open division tennis tournament on March 25 and 26. Entry fee is \$40 per team, register at center or call 634-0695.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** \$50K Bingo begins at 3 p.m. Doors open at noon. Call 634-0740 for more details.

• Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections Lounge.

## Monday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Classic and modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## Tuesday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Rhythm and Blues from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## Wednesday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Kids membership appreciation night from 5 to 9 p.m.

• Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## Thursday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Line dance lessons at 7 p.m., Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** 10K Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Reggae from 5 to 7 p.m., Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 10

### M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

\* First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.

### Keystone Theater

- ▲ Friday..... The Ringer, PG-13, 6 p.m.
- \*When a Stranger Calls, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.. \*When a Stranger Calls, PG-13, noon
- Ringer, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- Munich, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... \*When a Stranger Calls, PG-13, noon
- Ringer, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- Munich, R, 7 p.m.
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- ▲ Wednesday.. Munich, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday... \*Firewall, PG-13, 7 p.m.

### Butler Theater

- ▲ Friday..... \*Firewall, PG-13, 6 p.m.
- \*Fun with Dick and Jane, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday... The Chronicles of Narnia, PG, noon
- The Ringer, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- \*Firewall, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- \*Firewall, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... The Chronicles of Narnia, PG, noon
- The Ringer, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- Munich, PG-13, 7 p.m.

## A different kind of surfin'



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

**Staff Sgt. Zamantha Triche, 18th Communications Squadron, surfs the Web at the Schilling Community Center's Internet Cafe, Monday. The Internet Cafe, which is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 8 p.m. on weekends and holidays, is free to all Status of Forces Agreement and Department of Defense personnel.**

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Comedy showcase featuring Dijon and Dax Jordan. Show starts at 9 p.m. in the lounge. Adult humor and content. No one under 18 years old may attend.

• Mainstream and Urban beats in the ballroom.

• Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** Free wine appreciation seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. Open to Officers' Club members 20 years and older. For more information, call 634-3663.

## March 11

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Air Force Chess Tournament at 8 a.m. Call the center at 634-1387 for details.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Super Ladies Night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the ballroom.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Comedy showcase starts at 9 p.m. Show contains adult humor, no one under 18 years old may attend.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** Handsome Stranger performs in the Weekender Lounge at 8 p.m.

## March 12

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 6 to 9 p.m.

• Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 13

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Classic and modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 14

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Rhythm and Blues from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 15

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** Family membership night from 5 to 7 p.m. Open to Kadena Officers' Club members, children and one eligible guest.

## March 16

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Line dance lessons at 7 p.m., Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Reggae from 5 to 7 p.m., Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 17

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** St. Patrick's Day Toga Party from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Lounge. Enter free with a Toga.

• Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Membership appreciation night from 5 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom. Entertainment begins at 7 p.m.

• Best of '80s and '90s night from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

## March 18

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Movie on the Lawn near the Banyan Tree begins at 10 p.m. Movie is Napoleon Dynamite. Bring blankets and chairs.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Super Ladies Night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** Girl's night out with St. Patrick's Day theme from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Mixed doubles intermediate division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

## March 19

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Membership night from 3 to 5 p.m.

• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Mixed doubles intermediate division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 6 to 9 p.m.

• Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 20

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Classic and modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 20

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Rhythm and Blues from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 22

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz

from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 23

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** USO Band "Clutch" plays at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

• Line dance lessons at 7 p.m., Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Reggae from 5 to 7 p.m., Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

## March 24

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Top 40 music in the ballroom.

• Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Beefeaters Buffet from 5 to 9 p.m.

## March 25

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Mixed doubles open division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Movie on the lawn at Marek Park begins at 7 p.m. Movies will be Shrek and Shrek II.

### C H A P E L

#### Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

#### Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
- Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.
- Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
- Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Contemporary worship: Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219

# Kadena opens gates for Okinawa Marathon



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

Maj. Tommy Phillips, 18th Security Forces commander, cheers on Okinawa Marathon runners as they enter Kadena's Gate 2 Sunday. The 14th annual marathon, which is 41.95 km long, had more than 8,000 participants this year. More than 200 volunteers from Kadena came out to cheer on the athletes despite poor weather.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

Yukichi Shiokawa, Kadena Town director of general affairs, presents Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton, 18th Wing commander, with an Okinawa Marathon jacket for the base's support of the race.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

Abbey Jackson (center), daughter of Kadena Youth Center gymnastics coach Tifanee Jackson, offers candy to marathon runner Tomohira Susama, who is dressed as a "Muscle Man" cartoon character. Dozens of marathon runners dressed up in various costumes ranging from Pokemon to Spiderman.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

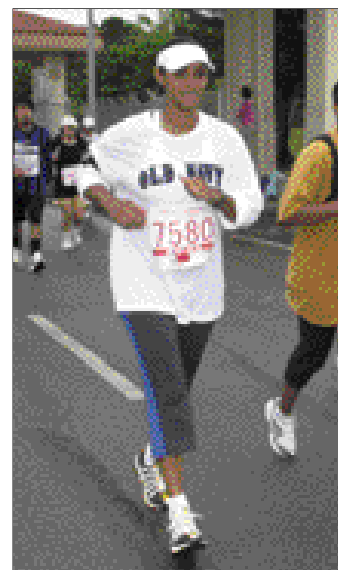
Master Sgt. Mark Hyden, 18th SFS flight chief, directs emergency responders off-base to the on-base location of a fatigued runner during the marathon Sunday.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

**GOMOMMY:** One-year-old Amelia Schwartz and 3-year-old Alania Schwartz greet their mother Kirsten Schwartz at Gate 2 before she continues with the marathon.

**JUSTPASSINGTHROUGH:** Senior Master Sgt. Tanya Manglona, 18th Wing command chief executive assistant, makes her way through Gate 2.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell



# Kadena edges Guam, 55-43 in Far East matchup



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards  
Marquis Newton, Kadena High School #21, drives in for a layup while Jamil Barney, Kadena High School #2, and Paul Manglona of Guam's Father Duenas Memorial School #34 follow behind during the Far East Varsity Basketball tournament at the Falcon gym Feb. 21. KHS defeated FDMS 55-43 to advance further in the tournament with more than 15 Department of Defense Dependent Schools teams throughout the Pacific. KHS eventually took third place overall after losing to the Seoul American team in the semi-finals, 77-62.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

[Clockwise from above left]

**PASS:** Anthony Soroka, KHS #10, passes the ball to De Williams, KHS #31, while Jude Martinez, FDMS #3, attempts to block the ball.

**DRIVE TO THE HOOP:** Shmarua Phelps, KHS #2, tries to set up a play while Adam Tydingo, FDMS #4, follows closely to make a steal.

**FREE THROW:** Marquis Newton, KHS #31, tries to widen the lead against FDMS with a free throw. KHS also defeated American School from mainland Japan, 62-41; Kubasaki, 61-55; and Zama, 73-67, for third place honors.



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Shmarua Phelps, KHS #31, goes up for a jump shot while Kyle Perron, FDM #51, positions himself for a rebound.

## Kadena Klassic starts today

Men's and women's basketball teams from bases throughout the Pacific will face off in a four-day tournament during Kadena Klassic 2006 that starts today. Games will be played at Risner, Nakayoshi (Falcon) and O'Connor Gyms. The first matchups begin Friday at 1 p.m. at all three gyms. Below is the schedule of games:

### Men's schedule

#### Friday

Humphreys vs. Yongsan, 1 p.m. at Risner  
Osan vs. Torii, 3 p.m. at Risner  
Kadena vs. Humphreys, 5 p.m. at Risner  
Yongsan vs. Osan, 7 p.m. at Risner  
Torii vs. Kadena, 9 p.m. at Risner  
Yokosuka vs. Warriors, 1 p.m. at O'Connor  
Kinser vs. Kunsan, 3 p.m. at O'Connor  
Foster vs. Yokosuka, 5 p.m. at O'Connor  
Warriors vs. Kinser, 7 p.m. at O'Connor  
Kunsan vs. Foster, 9 p.m. at O'Connor

#### Saturday

Warriors vs. Kunsan, noon at Risner  
Kinser vs. Foster, 2 p.m. at Risner  
Kunsan vs. Yokosuka, 4 p.m. at Risner  
Foster vs. Warriors, 6 p.m. at Risner  
Yokosuka vs. Kinser, 8 p.m. at Risner  
Kadena vs. Yongsan, noon at O'Connor  
Humphreys vs. Osan, 2 p.m. at O'Connor  
Yongsan vs. Torii, 4 p.m. at O'Connor  
Osan vs. Kadena, 6 p.m. at O'Connor  
Torii vs. Humphreys, 8 p.m. at O'Connor

#### Sunday (Top 8 playoffs)

Game 1, 10 a.m. at Risner  
Game 2, 10 a.m. at O'Connor  
Game 3, noon at Risner  
Game 4, noon at O'Connor  
Game 5, 6 p.m. at Risner (loss bracket)  
Game 6, 6 p.m. at O'Connor (loss bracket)  
Game 7, 4 p.m. at O'Connor  
Game 8, 4 p.m. at Risner  
Game 9, 10 p.m. at O'Connor (loss bracket)  
Game 10, 10 p.m. at Risner (loss bracket)

#### Monday (Top 8 playoffs)

Game 11, 4 p.m. at Risner (loss bracket)  
Game 12, 6 p.m. at Risner  
Game 13, noon at Risner (loss bracket)  
Game 14, 6 p.m. at Risner (championship)  
\*Game 15, 10 p.m. at Risner (tiebreaker)

### Women's schedule

#### Friday

Kunsan vs. Warriors, 1 p.m. at Falcon  
Humphreys vs. Kadena, 3 p.m. at Falcon  
Yongsan vs. Kunsan, 5 p.m. at Falcon  
Kadena vs. Warriors, 7 p.m. at Falcon  
Yongsan vs. Humphreys, 9 p.m. at Falcon

#### Saturday

Humphreys vs. Warriors, noon at Falcon  
Yongsan vs. Kadena, 2 p.m. at Falcon  
Kunsan vs. Humphreys, 4 p.m. at Falcon  
Warriors vs. Yongsan, 6 p.m. at Falcon  
Kadena vs. Kunsan, 8 p.m. at Falcon

#### Sunday (Top 4 playoffs)

Game 1, 2 p.m. at Risner  
Game 2, 2 p.m. at O'Connor  
Game 3, 6 p.m. at Falcon (loss bracket)  
Game 4, 8 p.m. at Falcon

#### Monday (Top 4 playoffs)

Game 5, 10 a.m. at O'Connor (loss bracket)  
Game 6, 2 p.m. at Risner  
\*Game 7, 6 p.m. at Risner (tiebreaker)

\* If necessary

Call the Risner Fitness Center at 634-5128 for more tournament information. Schedule provided above by 18th Services Squadron.